

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016
ACTIVITY CENTER
12:00 NOON

Present:

Greg A. Weitzel, Brent Martin, David Pennock, P.J. Holm, Mike Jorde, Bill Combo, Jeff Forbes, Jim Hammon, Matt Hill, Steve Janes, Jill Kirkham, Kris Millgate, Dave Radford, Tom Hally, Rebecca Casper, John Radford

Absent:

Tom Hersh, Mike Davis, John LoBuono

Guest Attendees:

Lisa Jones, Robert Nitchke, Kerry McCullough, Kirk Green

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kris Millgate motioned to approve April's meeting minutes as written. Jim Hammon seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Greg Weitzel

- Community Gardens requesting a formal agreement with the City for 3 separate garden areas.
- Westside Trail have started a punch-list and striping of the new pathways.
- Update given on study happening for a Broadway pedestrian bridge.
- TAP Grant applications are being submitted for Eastside and canal trails.
- Ryder Park Phase 2 updates and hopes to use water from the river to circulate thru the ponds to help keep the temperature in range.
- June meeting with elected officials include numerous budget meetings and Tautphaus/Heritage Park(s) Masterplan process updates.
- A sponsor for a new Tree Walk program has come forward.
- There will be a ribbon cutting at Idaho Falls Raceway at Noise Park for the Trail Project.
- Hoping to get a Tot Lot spray park approved in the 2017 budget.
- Have received a \$250,000.00 grant from DEQ for riverbank stabilization projects.
- Interviewing final Special Event and Volunteer Coordinator Candidates.
- Monday may 23rd is the Mayor's Bike Ride – Please join!

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Golf – Mike Jorde

- 350 rounds given on Free Golf Day this day produced 400 pounds of food and \$260 for our local food bank.
- 1300 third graders are in the First Tee Program.

Zoo – David Pennock

- April was the highest attended opening in zoo history. More than 8000 people.
- Filling the duck pond now after the renovation water conservation project.
- Female lion is having cubs. Hoping they will be viable due to past fertility problems.
- New animal updates.

Recreation – P.J. Holm

- Recreation intern has been hired for the summer months she will be helping with sports programs and seasonal staff.
- The new Alcohol Permit fee was passed by Council.
- Sports updates.
- Paddock Evacuator seems to be helping air quality at the pool. Now repairing diving boards.

Parks/Cemeteries – Brent Martin

- Preparing for Memorial Day.
- Cemetery updates.
- Six pickle ball courts done at Lincoln Park.
- Melaleuca Field outfield fence is complete.
- West path sod going in – will take volunteers ☺
- Lighting installation beginning at River Gardens at Taylor's Crossing.
- Topiary prep underway.
- Weed Control is already incredibly busy and struggling to keep up with enforcement.

BONNEVILLE COUNTY – D. Radford

- County Fair Board meeting on the 9th at 7pm.
- Putting boat docks out now.
- Blacktail project will be finished this year.

GOLF REPORT – Tom Hersh (absent)

- No Report

SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 – Kerry Martin

- Six schools coming for the Tiger/Grizz softball tournament.
- 29 school track meet being held in Idaho Falls
- Chocolate Milk Run for K thru 14yr old

SCHOOL DISTRICT #93 – Mike Davis (absent)

- No Report

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – Matt Hill

- Arbor Day Date is Changing. Not Solidified yet.
- Need new members for vacancies.

MEETING ADJURNED AT 1:14 P.M.

*Recorded by
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